



Mississippi Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, September 8, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 11 percent very short, 55 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 51 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 63.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashland to 75.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Biloxi. Highs ranged from 88.5 degrees Fahrenheit at Saucier to 96.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Laurel. No precipitation was received throughout the State.

Crop progress for week ending September 8, 2019

| Crop | This week (percent) | Last week (percent) | Last year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Corn, dough | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, dent | 97 | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, mature | 90 | 81 | 95 | 95 |
| Corn, harvested | 55 | 41 | 72 | 73 |
| Cotton, setting bolls | 98 | 95 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 42 | 29 | 67 | 55 |
| Peanuts, pegging | 98 | 96 | 100 | 100 |
| Peanuts, dug | 3 | 1 | 9 | 14 |
| Peanuts, harvested | 1 | (NA) | 3 | 7 |
| Rice, headed | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| Rice, mature | 71 | 55 | 94 | 81 |
| Rice, harvested | 25 | 15 | 63 | 40 |
| Sorghum, coloring | 89 | 80 | 92 | 94 |
| Sorghum, mature | 57 | 34 | 67 | 75 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 9 | 2 | 23 | 36 |
| Soybeans, setting pods | 97 | 95 | 99 | 99 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 52 | 36 | 75 | 72 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 27 | 17 | 53 | 51 |
| Soybeans, mature | 16 | 8 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Soybeans, harvested | 6 | 1 | 21 | 22 |
| Sweet potatoes, harvested | 15 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| Watermelons, harvested | 100 | 98 | 100 | 100 |

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending September 8, 2019

| Item | Very poor (percent) | Poor (percent) | Fair (percent) | Good (percent) | Excellent (percent) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Blueberries | 0 | 2 | 37 | 59 | 2 |
| Corn | 1 | 11 | 44 | 37 | 7 |
| Cotton | 1 | 6 | 40 | 43 | 10 |
| Livestock | 0 | 4 | 32 | 57 | 7 |
| Pasture | 1 | 7 | 39 | 48 | 5 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 9 | 40 | 48 | 3 |
| Rice | 0 | 3 | 24 | 60 | 13 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 2 | 26 | 58 | 13 |
| Soybeans | 1 | 5 | 28 | 53 | 13 |
| Sweet potatoes | 0 | 2 | 39 | 56 | 3 |

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Sweet potatoes and corn are coming out of the fields now, and yields are pretty good. After the late planting of all of the crops, this is a welcome site. The last hay this season is also being harvested. Getting very dry and the right kind of rainfall would be welcome.”

- Skip Glidewell, Panola and Tallahatchie Counties

“High temperatures and no rain for the past 10-12 days has soil drying down. Crops and forages are still growing well but would benefit from a rain event. Weather has allowed for producers to get in the fields to cut hay or prepare for ryegrass.”

- Ross Alan Overstreet, Lamar County

“Oppressive heat and dry weather patterns are making conditions more challenging for livestock. Animal producers with good water, adequate shading areas, and good insect control are showing better gains. Some Fall Army Worms affecting pastures, but producers are prepared.”

- Jim McAdory, Winston County

“Going on two weeks, this may be the longest period we have gone without rain in the past several months. Soil moisture is beginning to start lacking, and without a break in temperatures, pasture conditions are beginning to decline. There has been plenty of opportunity for corn harvest and fieldwork. Most farmers are finishing up their second or third hay cutting, but without some rain soon there may not be another.”

- BJ McClenton, Clay County

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 8, 2019

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm ¹ | DFN ² | One Week | Rain Days | DFN ² | Four Weeks | Four Weeks DFN ² |
| Upper delta | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 77.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Clarksdale | 94.3 | 65.7 | 80.0 | 77.7 | 2.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.22 | 0.10 | -0.52 |
| Cleveland | 95.7 | 70.1 | 82.9 | 79.4 | 3.5 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.94 | 2.32 | -0.70 |
| Lambert | 95.0 | 69.3 | 82.1 | 78.3 | 3.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.63 | 2.65 | -0.05 |
| Tunica | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 78.1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 0.23 | -0.55 |
| Extreme/Average | 95.0 | 68.4 | 81.7 | 78.2 | 3.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.60 | 1.32 | -0.46 |
| North central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashland | 91.3 | 63.7 | 77.5 | (NA) | (NA) | 0.00 | 0 | -0.71 | 5.96 | 3.21 |
| Batesville | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 76.3 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Hickory Flat | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 75.6 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Independence | 89.7 | 64.1 | 76.9 | 75.8 | 1.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.67 | 3.65 | 0.96 |
| University | 93.7 | 65.6 | 79.6 | 77.1 | 2.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.80 | 2.26 | -0.86 |
| Extreme/Average | 91.6 | 64.5 | 78.0 | 76.2 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.73 | 3.96 | 1.10 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 75.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Corinth | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 75.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Fulton | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 76.1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Tupelo | 91.0 | 69.6 | 80.3 | 77.5 | 2.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.70 | 3.25 | 0.10 |
| Verona | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 77.8 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Extreme/Average | 91.0 | 69.6 | 80.3 | 76.3 | 2.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.70 | 3.25 | 0.10 |
| Lower delta | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 96.0 | 71.5 | 83.8 | 79.5 | 4.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.60 | 1.48 | -0.81 |
| Moorhead | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 79.1 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Rolling Fork | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 79.0 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Yazoo City | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 78.7 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Extreme/Average | 96.0 | 71.5 | 83.8 | 79.1 | 4.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.60 | 1.48 | -0.81 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kosciusko | 89.0 | 70.0 | 79.5 | 76.8 | 2.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.37 | 5.92 | 3.01 |
| Winona | 92.9 | 64.3 | 78.6 | 75.9 | 2.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.92 | 2.31 | -1.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 91.0 | 67.2 | 79.0 | 76.4 | 2.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.65 | 4.12 | 0.95 |
| East central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbus | 95.0 | 71.5 | 83.3 | 78.3 | 5.4 | (NA) | 0 | -0.25 | 3.92 | 1.61 |
| Macon | 94.5 | 67.8 | 81.1 | 78.0 | 3.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.48 | 1.84 | -0.86 |
| Philadelphia | 93.3 | 67.2 | 80.3 | 79.0 | 1.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.67 | 6.50 | 2.77 |
| State University | 93.9 | 68.4 | 81.1 | 77.4 | 3.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.78 | 2.92 | -0.60 |
| Extreme/Average | 94.2 | 68.7 | 81.4 | 78.2 | 3.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.54 | 3.79 | 0.73 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brookhaven City | 92.9 | 67.7 | 80.3 | 78.4 | 1.8 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.11 | 5.19 | 1.48 |
| Crystal Springs | 92.0 | 70.5 | 81.3 | 80.5 | 0.7 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.53 | 1.34 | -1.20 |
| Natchez | 93.8 | 68.7 | 81.3 | 78.3 | 2.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.92 | 0.72 | -3.29 |
| Vicksburg City | 95.3 | 71.1 | 83.2 | 79.1 | 4.1 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.94 | 1.62 | -1.76 |
| Extreme/Average | 93.5 | 69.5 | 81.5 | 79.1 | 2.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.88 | 2.22 | -1.19 |
| South central | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 78.2 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Columbia | 94.4 | 71.6 | 83.0 | 79.8 | 3.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.03 | 6.22 | 1.99 |
| Monticello | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 79.5 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 0.30 | -0.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 94.4 | 71.6 | 83.0 | 79.2 | 3.2 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.03 | 3.26 | 0.94 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 94.1 | 72.1 | 83.1 | 79.8 | 3.3 | 0.00 | 0 | -1.14 | 6.37 | 1.40 |
| Laurel | 96.4 | 69.8 | 83.1 | 78.6 | 4.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.68 | 3.18 | -0.17 |
| Newton | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 77.4 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | 3.91 | 1.27 |
| Extreme/Average | 95.2 | 70.9 | 83.1 | 78.6 | 4.0 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.91 | 4.49 | 0.83 |
| Coastal | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biloxi | 94.4 | 75.4 | 84.9 | 81.0 | 3.9 | (NA) | 0 | -1.35 | 6.26 | 1.29 |
| Poplarville | 92.3 | 70.7 | 81.5 | 79.1 | 2.4 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.96 | 7.96 | 3.77 |
| Saucier | 88.5 | 72.0 | 80.3 | 80.4 | -0.6 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.40 | 5.83 | 1.02 |
| Extreme/Average | 91.7 | 72.7 | 82.2 | 80.2 | 1.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.90 | 6.68 | 2.03 |
| State | 93.3 | 69.3 | 81.4 | 78.1 | 2.9 | 0.00 | 0 | -0.76 | 3.50 | 0.41 |

(NA) Not available.

¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

² Departure from normal.